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RAILROADERS DESIRE MORE MEN AT WORK

SEEK ENFORCEMENT OF FULL CREW LAWS.

Complaint Filed by Trainmen Against Eleven Roads Operating in Nebraska.

Another phase of the struggle between the railroads and their employees, due to the desire of the former to reduce the latter to maintain present wage schedules, developed last week. The railroads have been endeavoring to impress on the workmen the fact that their services are not particularly essential, and have laid off every man that could be spared, and possibly, in some cases, men that couldn't. The following, from Friday's State Journal, tells the story:

Complaints were filed by Harry Ford, representing the brotherhood of railway trainmen, with the state railway commission Thursday asking that it order eleven railroads in the state to perform certain acts in the interest of the service and public safety.

The railroads involved are the Santa Fe, Northwestern, Minneapolis & Omaha, Burlington, Milwaukee, Rock Island, Illinois Central, Missouri Pacific, St. Joe & Grand Island, Union Pacific and Wabash. In the first complaint sets out that section 5992 of the statutes makes it unlawful for roads to operate trains outside of yard limits. A flagman is asked for. The invoked to order the roads to answer set a hearing and make a finding in accordance with the facts.

The second complaint charges that some of the roads are operating switch its without crews consisting of an engineer, fireman, conductor and two brakemen, with a proviso that mixed trains running on main lines running 100 miles or more should have an additional brakeman.

Say Safety Impossible.

The complaint sets out that when more than fifty cars are placed in a train this number of men is insufficient, inadequate, unsafe, a hardship upon the men and dangerous to the engines with a less number of men than the law requires, which is an engineer, a fireman, a foreman and two helpers where main line movements are not involved and an additional helper where they are involved. It is claimed that these are not sufficient to insure safe and proper service, and a hearing and order increasing the number are asked.

The third complaint sets out the law making it an offense to operate a light engine from one division to another, outside of yard limit, without a crew made up of engineer, fireman and conductor. It is set out that all of the roads are obeying this law except the Union Pacific and the Burlington, which evade it by calling their divisions subdivisions and sending out light engines without pilots. The complaint insists that whether they are called divisions or subdivisions this practice is dangerous to the men and the public. An order on all the roads to place a pilot on such light engines is asked.

These complaints are parts of a series of efforts made on the part of the brotherhood of trainmen to force the employment of additional men on these services. It sought to have the law amended, but the legislature told its representatives that the general powers of the commission can give them whatever relief they are entitled to get. The commission will have to first make a finding holding that the lack of the men named constitutes improper and insufficient or dangerous service before ordering compliance by the roads.

Track Forces Increased.

Three men to a section on main lines, and one man to a section on branch lines, are to be added to the present track forces of the Burlington. Some bridge and carpenter workers are to be added. This work is necessary at this time of year and an increase in forces was found necessary, regardless of the fact that business is mighty scarce and laborers have refused to permit a reduction of wages.

W. F. Thiehoff, general manager of the lines west, held a meeting of superintendents, roadmasters and master carpenters at the office of General Superintendent E. Flynn Thursday, at which details of the work to be done were discussed. The company is not launching a big work campaign. It is said twice as many men would have been employed if a reduction of wages had been agreed to.

Mr. Thiehoff attended the conference of laborers at Chicago where the wage question was up. The laborers did not agree to a wage reduction and refused even to agree to a submission of the question to the labor board. The case however will eventually reach the labor board.

General Superintendent Flynn said business reports show little or no new business with a decline in grain shipping; little coal moving; merchandise shipping light; and very little building material of any kind being shipped. Some sand business has developed with the coming of good weather, and the Burlington is now loading a small amount of sand at Louisville.

K. L. Pierce Settles Dispute Over Notes of Hemingford Bank

The last issue of the Hemingford Ledger carried a signed statement by J. A. Hunter of this city and K. L. Pierce of Hemingford, relative to the settlement reached in the affairs of the First State bank. Apparently a number of conflicting reports had been circulated, some of which had penetrated as far as Alliance. A portion of the statement follows:

K. L. Pierce having sold a controlling interest in First State bank, Hemingford, Nebraska, to the Marvel interests at Hastings with transfer of the bank June 1st, 1919, guaranteeing all the notes of the bank to them, a dispute arose in March, 1921, concerning this and other matters, and same has been settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

From June 1, 1919, the new owners furnished the cashier who was the bank manager, and K. L. Pierce was made president. At this time K. L. Pierce retains a few shares of stock but has no official connection with the bank.

The settlement carries with it the release of K. L. Pierce from all liability on the matters in dispute and the Marvels assume complete responsibility for the bank during their ownership.

The terms of the settlement are for K. L. Pierce to take over and stand the loss if any, on \$50,000.00 worth of secured paper, on which the probable ultimate loss is small.

Any report of any disagreement or trouble between J. A. Hunter and K. L. Pierce is unfounded.

J. A. Hunter was present during the negotiations and knows the facts of the settlement at first hand.

FIFTH ANNUAL M. E. CONFERENCE HERE NEXT WEEK

TWENTY-FIVE CHURCHES TO BE REPRESENTED

Delegates from Northwestern Part of Nebraska Privileged to Hear Bishop Stuntz

The fifth annual session of the Alliance district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in this city next Monday and Tuesday morning, April 4 and 5. Bishop Homer C. Stuntz of Nebraska and Iowa will be present for the two-day session and will be the feature of the program. Dr. C. C. Cissel, area secretary for Iowa and Nebraska, will also have a prominent place on the program.

The Alliance district includes twenty-five churches in the northwestern corner of Nebraska.

The following is the program, with Bishop Homer C. Stuntz, presiding:

Monday, April 4th.
 9 a. m.—Morning worship.
 9:30 a. m.—Business session.
 11 a. m.—"Conference Claimant Endowment," O. E. Richardson.
 2 p. m.—Devotional.
 2:30 p. m.—"Shop Talk," C. C. Cissel, D.D., Area Secretary, Omaha. Followed by an address by the bishop.
 3:30 p. m.—Round table conducted by the bishop.
 7:30 p. m.—Address, "World's Needs and Centenary Program," Bishop Homer C. Stuntz.
 Stereopticon view—"The Centenary Today and Tomorrow," in charge of the area secretary, Dr. C. C. Cissel.

Tuesday, April 5th.
 8:30 a. m.—Morning worship.
 9 a. m.—Business meeting.
 100 a. m.—"The Children's Church," E. C. Fintel, Scottsbluff.
 10:30 a. m.—"Evangelism, Its Field and Importance," general discussion. Leader, W. O. Winslow, Gering.
 11:30 a. m.—Closing words by the bishop.

A Free Course in Millinery For the Women of Alliance

Under the auspices of the Home-makers' association, Miss Virmond, a millinery instructor from the extension service at Lincoln, will give a four-day course in millinery work in the assembly room at the court house, commencing Monday, April 4th, at 2 p. m. Evening sessions will be held for the benefit of teachers, school girls and all those who cannot attend in the afternoon.

These lessons are free to all. Bring in your old hat and trimming and learn how to make it look like new, or bring material to make a new hat complete.

For any further information, call Mrs. A. H. Grove or Mrs. L. M. Beal.

Several carloads of Lions are planning to drive to Bayard to attend the opening of a Lions club in that city tomorrow. They will leave in the morning and return the same night.

DRIVE FOR FUNDS FOR BOY SCOUTS STARTS APRIL 8

WILL RAISE MONEY TO EQUIP BELMONT CAMP

Boy Scout Band From Chadron to be Feature of Entertainment at Roof Garden

Opening with a public meeting at the Roof Garden, at which the Boy Scout band from Chadron and an outside speaker will be the features, the campaign for funds to equip the Boy Scout camps at Belmont and Broncho Lake will start off with a rush on Friday, April 8. A number of organizations in the city are behind the scouts in their campaign, and it is believed there will be no difficulty in raising the \$3,000 needed to make a permanent camp for the boys.

A ten-year lease has been secured on five acres at Belmont, and it is proposed to erect a cottage, twenty by thirty feet, and a permanent cement swimming hole, the dimensions of which will be slightly larger. This camp will be used by the Scouts for their summer outings and extended trips.

The Scouts have also been allowed the use of some land fronting on Broncho lake, and they hope to be able to erect a small cottage here for their week-end trips. The \$3,000, the aim of the drive, will be sufficient to pay all expenses, including the construction work and the payment for the land lease.

The scouts are tremendously interested in the project and are doing all sorts of work in an effort to help the campaign along. The business men of the city, who realize what an asset a Boy Scout organization is to the city, and the splendid work it does, are doing everything to help the plan along. Assistance is wanted from every organization in the city, as well as every individual.

Potato Prices Show Decline in the Last Months of the Year

The main course of the potato market in 1920-21 bears out the general statement that in years of heavy production, prices are likely to decline during the later months of the season, according to a statement and figures sent out by the bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture recently.

Average quotations for these same sales in nine prominent city markets during the first week in January ranged from \$1.78 to \$1.86 per 100 pounds. In succeeding weeks the average quotations for these same markets declined 5 to 20 cents each week until February 23, reaching \$1.23 to \$1.33 on that date. Since then the trend has been upward, reaching \$1.41 to \$1.49 on March 7. Chicago and western markets reached the lowest point first and began to recover sooner.

Quotations in representative producing and shipping sections followed the same general course, declining from an average of \$1.27 to \$1.39 per 100 pounds on January 3 to a range of 83 to 87 cents on February 21, then recovering to a range of 93 cents to \$1 on February 25, and averaging close to \$1 on March 7.

The recent recovering in potato prices may be explained in part, as a natural rebound after a long decline, the movement having been shared by other important food commodities. The gradual clearance of accumulated supplies and the moderate volume of new shipments has tended to strengthen the tone of the market and the great shrinkage in reserve supplies, as shown by the report of stock on hand January 1, has increased the confidence of the buyers and sellers.

The range of quotations at the opening of the main crop season the last of September was \$2 to \$2.24 in 11 leading cities. The average declined slightly further the last of the month, then partly recovered, reaching \$2.20 to \$2.35 the first week of November. A year ago quotations in 11 markets ranged from \$4.50 to \$5.60 per 100 pounds.

Easter Services Attract Crowds to Alliance Churches

Large numbers of church goers disregarded the unpleasant weather on Easter morning and filled every Alliance church. Special musical programs, beautiful floral decorations and the reception of new members were in keeping with the spirit of the day. The fashion feature of the day was a little less evident than in some years, but even this was noticeable.

At the First Baptist church a special Masonic sermon was given by the pastor, Rev. B. J. Minort, for the members of Bunah commandery, Knights-Templar. Some fifty knights, in full dress uniform, attended the services in a body.

MUCH DAMAGE TO PHONE LINES BY SLEET STORM

COMMUNICATION BADLY INTERRUPTED SUNDAY

Seventy-five Phones in City Were Out of Whack Due to Broken Wires and Poles

The wet snow and sleet storm of Saturday played hob with the telephone company, not alone in Alliance, but all over the western part of the state. In this city, it is estimated that at least seventy-five phones are out of commission, wires were broken in many places, and twenty-five poles were dragged to the ground. The repair force has been busy since the storm, and within two or three days expect to be giving normal service in town, but long-distance communication may not be restored for some time.

Monday evening, the Alliance station could communicate with Crawford, Sidney and Scottsbluff, but these were the outside points. Not being able to speak with Grand Island, the local telephone officials are unable to estimate the damage in other parts of the state. Between Sidney and Julesburg, Col., however, it is known that 246 poles are down, and this means that there are fully that many breaks in the wire.

The storm was comparatively light in this section, but despite that the sleet, freezing on the wires, did enough damage in a few short hours to keep the repairmen at work for days.

Rufus Jones Pays Fine for Speeding Over in Minatare

Rufus Jones, former secretary of the Alliance chamber of commerce, who is now editor of the Minatare Free Press, in the last issue of that paper, under a big black heading, "Extra" tells the sad tale of his arrest by a hard-hearted town marshal on a charge of speeding, and of the consequent paying of the fine. Rufus tells the sad particulars thusly:

Rufus Jones, editor of the Minatare Free Press, was arrested at 2 o'clock Thursday morning by Chief of Police Fred Conklin, just as he and three other persons alighted from an automobile on their return from Scottsbluff.

The other villains were: Amzi Jessup, wealthy land owner and cattleman. G. O. Emick, superintendent of the Minatare city schools. Kenneth Krier, manager of the R. S. Prouditt company and member of the city council of Minatare.

The quartet had just returned from a meeting of Shriners held at Scottsbluff, to which place they traveled overland. It was charged that in leaving Minatare, enroute to the Bluffs, they stepped on 'er and tooted 'em up as they proceeded north on Center avenue.

The culprits hunted up Justice Trotter early Thursday morning, pleaded guilty, had a fine socked into 'em paid it and went the way of the wicked.

Teaches Signing Contracts for the 1921-1922 Season

By the first of April, the contracts of the various teachers in the city school will have been signed, or failure to sign will be accepted as a pretty fair indication that the teacher in question has other plans for next year. The contracts are now in the office of Superintendent Pate, and the teachers are signing up with a fair degree of unanimity. The board of education, at a recent meeting, voted to continue the present wage scale during next year, and this means that positions in the Alliance schools are fully as desirable as in other cities of this class.

Legion Meeting to be Held Thursday Eve at the Fern Garden

The next meeting of Alliance post No. 7, American Legion, will be held Thursday evening next, beginning at 6:30 p. m. This is the third date that has been given for this meeting, the last change being made necessary by the banquet for the visiting teachers, which will be held Friday evening.

Judge L. A. Berry, on his last trip to Rushville, learned through R. L. Wilhite of the death of Joseph H. Kime of Streator, Ill. Mr. Kime was well known in Box Butte county for thirty years or more. He was a sort of turbulent spirit and held the record for participating in lawsuits of one sort and another. He was an extremely likeable character and a very active one.

THE WEATHER

General fair tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer east and south-central portions tonight. Colder Wednesday west and north portions.

Alliance Is Listed Among 82 Accredited High Schools In State

Alliance high school is listed among the eighty-two Nebraska high schools accredited by the North Central association of college and secondary schools, according to Prof. A. A. Reed, of the University of Nebraska and inspector of secondary schools in the state. Professor Reed headed the Nebraska delegation at the recent meeting of the association at Chicago. High schools and colleges of eighteen states are members of the North Central association.

To get recognition, high schools must comply with regulations and standards set by the association. One qualification is that teachers must be college graduates and have had special training in the studies they teach.

Graduates from the so credited high schools may enter colleges and universities without examination. They also may enter West Point and Annapolis without first taking an examination.

The lumber for the club house at the County Club grounds was this week purchased of two Alliance firms, at prices that were better than offered by any outside company, a number of which were very anxious to get the business. The contract for the building has been let and work will be started in the near future.

GOOD PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR THE TEACHERS

INTERESTING THREE-DAY SESSION ARRANGED

Six Hundred Teachers of Western Nebraska Are Expected to Be in Attendance

Six hundred teachers from various parts of western Nebraska are expected to be in Alliance March 31 and April 1 and 2, for the first meeting of the northwestern Nebraska section of the state teachers' association. The chief features of the meeting will be addresses by a number of noted educational workers.

It is planned by the chamber of commerce to request the various business firms of the city to decorate their windows in honor of the city's guests, and the high school colors, blue and white, have been suggested as appropriate. This is the first time the state association has met in sections, and it is considered quite a distinction for Alliance to capture the first session.

Following is the program for the three-day meeting:

Friday, April 1, 9:00 a. m., Imperial Theatre.

Community singing—led by Prof. R. E. Yarnley, director of music, Chadron State Normal.

Address—"The Home Economics Teacher in Relation to the School and Community," Miss Margaret Feilde, chairman, Department Home Economics, University of Nebraska.

Address—"General Results of Panhandle School Survey," Dean W. T. Stockdale, Department of Education, Chadron State Normal school.

Music—Arranged by Miss Anna Booth, Alliance.

Address—"Individual Differences, Measuring the Mind," Dr. Charles Fordyce, dean Teachers' College, University of Nebraska.

Friday, April 1, Sectional Meetings, 2:00 p. m.

Home Economics section—Methodist church.

Primary section—Central school building.

High school section—High school building.

Rural school section—Court house.

Grammar grade section—Presbyterian church.

Friday, April 1, Schoolmen's Club Banquet, 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. Banquet room, Alliance hotel.

Friday, April 1, 8:00 p. m., Roof Garden.

Twenty minute educational address—Dr. Charles Fordyce.

Concert by the Chadron State Normal Concert orchestra.

Saturday, 9:00 a. m., Imperial Theatre.

Community singing—led by Professor Yarnley.

Address—"The Project, Its Use and Abuse," Dr. Lida B. Earhart, professor of Elementary Education in the Teachers' College of the Nebraska State University.

Music.

Address—"National Problems in Education," Dr. Hugh S. Magill, field secretary of the N. E. A., Washington, D. C.

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A CELEBRATED DIVINE TO VISIT ALLIANCE SOON

BISHOP HOMER C. STUNTZ HERE FOR TWO DAYS

Will Speak at Methodist Church Sunday and at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Monday

The people of Alliance will have an opportunity to hear one of the most celebrated preachers of American next Sunday when Bishop Homer C. Stuntz, D.D., LL.D., will speak both morning and evening at the local Methodist church. The bishop is making a tour of western Nebraska and arranged last fall to spend an entire Sunday in our city.

It is a rare occasion for a small town to have a Methodist bishop in her midst. Unlike the churches having diocesan episcopacy, the Methodist Episcopal church has only one bishop for a large area, and the most outstanding preachers of the denomination are elected to this office. There are some four million members of the Methodist church in America, with about 15,000 churches, but only twenty-one bishops for all this number. Bishop Stuntz has the thickly populated states of Iowa and Nebraska in his area, with about twelve hundred churches. With an area so large, personal supervision is impossible, and he has under him thirty-two district superintendents who give their entire time to their respective districts.

Bishop Stuntz is a world traveler. The first few years of his ministry were spent in large pastorates. He was sent to Calcutta, India, where he was a missionary for eight years, and part of the time a chaplain for the British army. For four years he was superintendent of the Methodist missions in the Philippine islands. The next four years he served as missionary secretary for the church, being at the head of all the foreign missionary work. In 1912 he was elected bishop and for four years lived in South America. It was during this time that he wrote his book on "South America," which has been recognized as one of the most authentic sources of information on that continent.

On Monday noon the bishop will speak at the chamber of commerce luncheon on "World Trade Conditions," and because of his various travels his message will be of vital interest to every business man.

Boy Scouts Leading In Actual Work of Cleaning the City

To the Boy Scouts of Alliance go first honors in the clean-up campaign. The Scouts have actually done something outside their own premises. Almost any man, especially when threatened by the law, is willing to turn to and clean up his own premises, but the Scouts have set out to improve the looks of the business district, and are doing the work after school, at that.

Some twenty-five scouts appeared at the Eagles lot on lower Box Butte avenue Monday evening and by 6 p. m. had it shining like the proverbial nigger's heel. They cleaned up all the trash, even back of the billboard, where it didn't show, raked up all the dead weeds, and all they got for their labors was the fun of a bonfire and the privilege of carting away a wagonload of brick, which they plan to use in the construction of their hut at Broncho Lake.

Tonight, according to Secretary George M. Carey, who was one of those who assisted by either advice or muscular activity, the scouts will turn their attention to the vacant lot just north of the Alliance hotel. There's an unsightly iron shack, that will be burned or carted away. After this, there's plenty of other places that may be tackled to the eternal improvement of the city's appearance.

Great Slump in the Value of Farm Products in Nebraska

The great slump in the value of farm products in Nebraska is revealed in a bulletin of agricultural statistics recently published by the state department of agriculture. The 1920 corn crop, though much larger, is valued at 100 million dollars less than the 1919 crop. Cattle on farms in 1920 are valued at 100 million dollars less than in 1918. The hogs in the state in 1918 were worth 61 million dollars, 42 millions in 1919, and 28 millions in 1920. The 1920 alfalfa crop dropped to a value of 35 millions, compared to 64 millions the previous year, while last year's wild rap crop was worth but little more than a third of the 1919 crop. Horses show a drop of 25 millions since 1918 and 37 millions since 1914. The 1920 wheat crop is valued at 25 million dollars less than the 1919 crop. Even the oats crop of last year was worth 11 million dollars less than in 1919.